(e) and (f) The selection of films for telecast is a continuing process. The actual telecast of the selected films as per schedule drawn up on a month to month basis is, however, dependent upon the availability of a good quality print and completion of other procedural/contractual formalities.

Telecast of Children's Films on National network

3196. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the films approved for the Children's Films Festival;

(b) the films which have already been telecast on the National hook-up;

(c) the films likely to be telecast or selected for telecast;

(d) whether it is a fact that "Abuj Badani" an Assamese film is also likely to be telecast on the Doordarshan; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) From among the Indian feature films shown during the Seventh International Children's Film Festival of India held in Trivandrum during November, 1991, Doordarshan have telecast one film Abhayam. In addition a serial, Stone Boy has also been telecast. No other film is at present scheduled for telecast.

(d) and (e) The telecast of this film will be considered in terms of the prescribed criteria after it is offered to Doordarshan Kendra; Guwahati.

Mandatory Bank Guarantees for Commissioned Programmes

3197. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bank guarantees have been made mandatory for producers of 90 commissioned programmes recently approved by Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The revised guidelines for Commissioned Programmes include the requirement of a bank guarantee primarily as safeguard against delays and defaults in the completion of such programmes for which Government money is advanced.

Impact of launching of INSAT-2A on Transmission capacity of Doordarshan

3198. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the successful launching of INSAT-2A the transmission capacity of Doordarshan would increase substantially and Doordarshan programmes would also cover far flung areas in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up new Doordarshan centres in various States and Union Territories;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the number of such centres which are likely to be set up in Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) Increase in transmission capacity of Doordarshan in not related to availability of facility on satellite; instead it is dependent upon establishment of terrestrial transmitters. Whereas it is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to extend TV service to the uncovered parts of the country by the establishment of TV transmitters of varying radiating powers in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities, 7 low power TV transmitters are at various stages of implementation at present in the State of Bihar.